

# MOTOR VOTER NEWS



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## November '06 Results

During the month of November, 61 licensing offices submitted a total of 8,351 "accurate" motor voter transactions. These transactions were either new registrations, address changes or name changes. "Accurate" motor voter transactions are paper registration forms that arrive at the Secretary of State's office along with the weekly transmittal of the corresponding electronic records created by licensing agents.

Licensing offices with 100% accuracy and more than 10 submissions were:

- Oak Harbor
- Port Townsend
- Tacoma South
- Goldendale
- White Salmon
- Walla Walla
- Chelan
- Ephrata
- Moses Lake
- Omak

Thanks for the great work!

## January 6<sup>th</sup> is Next Voter Registration Deadline

Washington State counties and local jurisdictions may conduct "special" elections during February, March, April, and/or May of each year.

Any DOL customer who wants to register to vote or make an address or name change in time to vote in the February 6<sup>th</sup> special election must do so by the close of business Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Similarly, any DOL customer who wants to register to vote or make an address or name change in time to vote in the March 13<sup>th</sup> special election must do so by the close of business Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage licensing officials to diligently mail in all paper registration forms at the end of each week. This helps us to ensure that voters who register before these deadlines can get their votes counted.

## 2006 General Election

2,107,370 ballots were counted for the general election as 64.5% of all registered voters in the state made their voices heard. Voter participation is down slightly from 2004, but this is normal for a non-presidential election year. With a new presidential campaign season starting, and the population of our state continuing to grow, we expect to see new records for voting in the future.

One county commissioner race is a prime example that every vote really does count. The votes in this race came to 890 vs. 890. In compliance with state law, the race was decided by the toss of a coin!



The 2006 General Election witnessed seven inches of rainfall in the hours leading up to Election Day, forcing some poll sites to relocate and isolating some voters in their homes. Elections and law enforcement officials responded to help voters submit their ballots on time.

The fact that thousands of voters mailed in their ballots before November 7<sup>th</sup> also reduced the negative impact of the flooding.

## Resources

For Voter Registration information and downloadable forms (including foreign language forms) go to:

[www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx) ,

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